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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Covert Recruitment

1. Regarding the questions raised in your memorandum of 16 March on this subject, I would say that I am generally satisfied with the present machinery.

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2. The Office of Personnel has not formally been given covert recruitment responsibility (nor are we at present equipped to take this job on). We have, as outlined in [REDACTED] memorandum, provided service upon call but always within very strict instructions from the requesting component.

3. Central Cover has, as you perhaps know, also assisted from time to time in covert recruitment. We are inclined to the view that the present system has been effective. We don't really have any basis for believing that we could do a better job if it were made principally our responsibility and we would, if this were done, have to set up almost an entirely separate recruitment staff for this purpose.

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